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Helmut Steinhilber et al.

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Sheets of a Record Carrier from a Pile**

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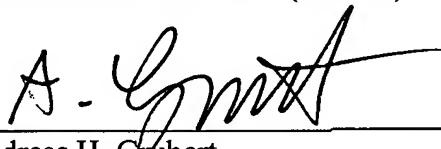
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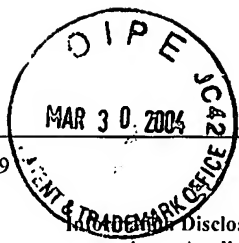
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